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SUBJ: OPINION POLL SHOWS OPPOSITION TO BASES

1. WEEKLY MAGAZINE SECTION OF MADRID DAILY, "PUEBLO" (ORGAN OF SPANISH SYNDICAL ORGANIZATION) ON FEBRUARY 8 CARRIED TWO-PAGE SPREAD ON RESULTS OF OPINION POLL ON SPANIARDS ATTITUDES TOWARD US BASES. PREFATORY ARTICLE EXPLAINED THAT OCCASION FOR POLL WAS RESUMPTION OF BASE NEGOTIATIONS IN MADRID THIS WEEK. POLL WAS CONDUCTED FOR "PUEBLO" BY PRIVATE FIRM IBEROAMERICANA DE PROGRAMACION, S.A., WHICH TOOK TELEPHONIC SAMPLINGS ON JAN 9 AND 10. 2,500 PERSONS WERE POLLED IN MADRID AREA, OF WHICH 2,226 RESPONDED.

2. RESPONDENTS WERE ASKED FOLLOWING: ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF THE RENEWAL OF THE MILITARY AGREEMENTS WITH US AND, ALONG WITH IT, THE PRESENCE OF THE AMERICAN MILITARY BASES IN SPAIN? RESULTS SHOWED 59 PERCENT NOT RPT NOT RPT NOT UNCLASSIFIED UNCLASSIFIED

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IN FAVOR OF BASES, 27 PERCENT FAVORABLE, AND 14 PERCENT WITH NO COMMENT.

3. SECOND QUESTION ASKED BY POLLSTERS WAS: WOULD YOU FAVOR HAVING SPAIN ADOPT A POSITION OF NEUTRALITY IN FOREIGN POLICY? ACCORDING TO "PUEBLO", 90 PERCENT RESPONDED THEY WERE IN FAVOR OF POSITION OF NEUTRALITY, 4 PERCENT OPPOSED AND 6 PERCENT HAD NO COMMENT.

4. BREAKDOWN OF FIGURES ON THOSE RESPONDING TO QUESTION REGARDING SUPPORT FOR US MILITARY PRESENCE IN SPAIN SHOWS THAT AFFIRMATIVE SUPPORT FOR US PRESENCE LOWEST IN AGE GROUP 14 TO 34 YEARS (14 PERCENT) AND HIGHEST IN AGE GROUP 55 AND ABOVE (43 PERCENT). SAME FIGURES ALSO SHOW SLIGHTLY MORE SUPPORT FOR US PRESENCE AMONG WOMEN (30 PERCENT) THAN AMONG MEN (23 PERCENT).

5. POLLING FIRM IS PRIVATE ORGANIZATION THAT HAS BEEN DOING MARKET RESEARCH AND SURVEYS FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND IS GENERALLY WELL REGARDED. IT HAS SOME EXPERIENCE IN POLITICAL OPINION POLLS, HAVING DONE A SIMILAR POLL ON OPINION REGARDING BASES FOR MAGAZINE "ACTUALIDAD ECONOMICA".

6. COMMENT: WHILE WE HAVE NO DETAILS ON POLLING METHODS, IT IS RATHER SURPRISING THAT FIRM WAS ABLE TO SAMPLE SUCH A LARGE NUMBER OF SPANIARDS IN ONLY TWO DAYS. WORTH NOTING IS THAT ALL SAMPLINGS TAKEN IN MADRID AREA WHERE EXTENT OF POLITIZATION AND STRONG OPINIONS ABOUT FOREIGN POLICY AND ABOUT RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. MOST PREVALENT. NORMALLY, POLLS OF THIS TYPE SHOW MUCH HIGHER PERCENTAGE OF THOSE WITH NO OPINION, WHEN SAMPLINGS ARE DISTRIBUTED NATIONALLY.

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